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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 582

By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. James W. Parsons, on his selection as the Metro-Nashville Middle School Teacher of the Year 2000.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those faithful and astute teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James W. Parsons is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of great dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons was recently selected as the Metro-Nashville Middle School Teacher of the Year 2000, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher and the very positive influence he has made in so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Parsons advanced through the different rounds of competition and was a finalist on the state level for the Tennessee Middle School Teacher of the Year award; he has also been named as the Metro-Nashville Education Association's Distinguished Classroom Teacher, the Brick Church Middle School Teacher of the Year, and the WSMV Channel 4 Terrific Teacher; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Celina High School, James Parsons received his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from David Lipscomb University and is pursuing a master's

degree in Education from Tennessee State University where he holds a 4.00 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons has served his students at Brick Church Middle School with acumen and alacrity as a 6th Grade teacher of Math, Science, Language Arts, and Schools for Thought for nine exemplary years, where he also serves as the sponsor of the Student Council and the school's newspaper staff, as a Space Camp school sponsor, as a National Arbor Day tree planting sponsor, and as a volunteer tutor after school and on the weekends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Parsons contributes his time and numerous talents promoting the educational development of himself and his fellow educators, as they are the sculptors that mold the minds of our children and our state's future; he has been involved as a Challenge Grant/School's For Thought curriculum leader, teacher trainer, teacher, and participant; as a WDCN (PBS) curriculum series contributor and on-air presenter; as a presenter for the Eisenhower Grant at the Middle Tennessee Math Summer Institute; as a Library Power Grant Math and Science unit author; as a National Teacher Training Institute national presenter and master teacher; as an NCTM national presenter and attendee; as a presenter at geometry workshops for the Metro-Nashville School System; as an Equity 2000 Saturday Academy and "MMM" teacher and administrator; as a State Math and Science presenter with the Eisenhower Grant; as a Middle Tennessee Math Teachers member and state presenter; as a National Council of Teachers of Mathematics member and national presenter; and as a participant in the Shared Leadership training with the Bellon Group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons has also shared his knowledge with others as a Cumberland University substitute instructor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many sacrifices and his enthusiastic spirit, all for the love of children and their education, Mr. James Parsons was honored when he received the MathLine Metro Middle School Award and the Peace Award entitled, "May Peace Prevail in Our Country"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons truly epitomizes the dedicated and astute teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. James W. Parsons on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Brick Church Middle School and as the Metro-Nashville Middle School Teacher of the Year 2000, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.